

# Cygnets Walks

Hello and welcome to Cygnets Walks. These basic walks note sheets provided by the Cygnets Association in 2023 are aimed at encouraging our community and our visitors to get out, exercise in the local area and enjoy this delightful locality.

The walks mainly follow quiet local roads and paths. However, these roads are also used by a variety of vehicles. We do recommend wearing bright clothes and a torch at dusk.

They are dog-friendly, however, please keep dogs on leads to protect wildlife and stock.

The walks can be viewed online at ([www.cygnets.org.au](http://www.cygnets.org.au)) or ([www.facebook.com/thecygnetsassociation](https://www.facebook.com/thecygnetsassociation)), and are also available as a QR code for your favourite device.

Comments, additions and amendments can be forwarded to our website which will be kept updated.

Happy walking.

**Michael Garner**  
Public Officer  
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## Crooked Tree Walk

**Walk Grade:** Easy – flat

**Walk Time:** 20 minutes

**Walk Distance:** 900m return

**Walk Features:** A gentle coastal walk with excellent views south looking down the Port Cygnet Estuary towards Southern Bruny Island.

Enjoy the clear views west towards Cygnet township, featuring the yachts moored in front of the Port Cygnet Sailing Club.

**Directions:** By car drive from Cygnet on the Channel Highway as if going to Deep Bay, for 2.3km. 150m past the turn off to Nicholls Rivulet Rd (on your left), turn first right into Henleys Rd. Park your car in a safe spot near the intersection of Pambulla and Henleys Rds.

S43° 10' 532" E147° 05' 635"

Start walking along Henleys Rd towards the water along a gravel road past some lovely homes to a cleared point (Crooked Tree Point).

You will pass the odd picnic table on the foreshore.

On many days in summer there is a strong sea breeze funneling up the river, so a wind proof jacket would be advisable.

Walk to your left through some revegetation in a SW direction following the coastline.

You are walking on Crown Reserve below the houses. Most of this is mown grass, so easy strolling. The end of the walk is at the edge of the Channel Highway.

S43° 10' 622" E147° 05' 647"

Return to your car by the same way retracing your steps.





# Dances Road Circuit

**Walk Grade:** Easy – flat

**Walk Time:** 40 minutes return

**Walk Distance:** 1 km return

**Walk Features:** Pleasant quiet urban roadside, with good views of Grey Mountain.

**Directions:** Park car at Dances Road footbridge, off Charles Street.

S43° 09' 296" E147° 04' 419"

Walk across bridge heading uphill west to the end of Dances sealed road where it intersects with Silver Hill Road. Cross directly into the second half of Dances Road to a dead-end at

S43° 09' 115" E147° 04' 220"

Return by the same route to your car.

Or, for a longer walk, turn West on Silver Hill Road and follow the good pavement to Devereaux Court. Return the same way, where a detour could be done down Dorgan Court where there is also a good pavement, before coming back to your car via Dances Road.







# Echo Sugarloaf Summit Track

**Walk Grade:** Moderate (gentle uphill height gain of 188 metres to summit)

**Walk Time:** 1.5 hours circuit

**Walk Distance:** 4.5km return

**NOTE:** dogs are NOT allowed on Echo Sugarloaf.

**Walk Features:** A beautiful trail circuit only 20 mins drive from Cygnet. The walk takes you through various vegetation from open eucalypt forest to grassy patches, as well as copses of dogwood and casuarina. It passes a natural frog pond with a viewing platform. Great views in all directions from the summit but especially down to Randalls Bay beach, the Huon river and Port Cygnet, and to the rugged mountains in the west. Birdlife and various marsupials.

**Directions:** From Cygnet, turn left at the roundabout and continue along the Channel Highway (B68) for about 15 minutes till you see the sign for Randalls Bay Road. Turn right and drive down the hill. At the bottom of the hill you will see a sign for Williams Road. Turn left onto Williams Road and park at the northern end of the beach.

S43° 14' 34" E147° 07' 35"

Walk up the road for 250m till you see the pedestrian access sign on the left.

S43° 14' 38" E147° 07' 46"

Follow the steps uphill, and continue to the left along the summit track. From the summit, continue the circuit through a good but steep path downhill back to where you started.

For a longer walk, walk down Randalls beach and take the path to Mickeys Beach, starting at

S43° 14' 43" E147° 07' 07"





## Esplanade Road

**Walk Grade:** Easy – flat

**Walk Time:** 45 minutes

**Walk Distance:** 3km return

**Walk Features:** A gentle coastal walk with excellent views south looking down the Port Cygnet. Enjoy the clear views west towards Cygnet Township also, featuring the many yachts moored in front of Port Cygnet Sailing Club.

**Directions:** Park on Esplanade Road edge,

S43° 09' 811" E147° 05' 092"

or park in the adjacent Burtons Reserve car park and walk over foot bridge near BBQ Shelter to Esplanade. Note: no dogs are allowed in Burtons Reserve.

Walk south along a quiet no-through road. Pleasant views south and west along Agnes Rivulet towards the Cannery and Port Cygnet Sailing Club. The road ends at house number 50.

S43° 10' 116" E140° 05' 248"

A lovely short grassy walking track (unsuitable for wheelchairs or stroller) of 120m leads down along the water's edge to Martins Point, where a bench seat makes for a pleasant stop. This Memorial Seat, constructed by Dick Plant, has several yachts and trading vessels names written on it, dedicated to the historic Wilsons Shipyard.







## Kays (Fossil) Beach to Gourlays Bay

**Walk Grade:** Easy – flat

**Walk Time:** 1.5 hours return on same track on Crown Coastal Reserve

**Walk Distance:** 3km

**Walk Features:** Extensive views along Huon River, two beaches (one at each end)

Mudstone fossils at end of Kays Beach, regular sightings of White bellied sea eagle, lots of moss, lichens and Coastal Heath. Beautiful bays and sandstone cliffs.

**Directions:** From Cygnet drive slowly and carefully south along the winding Lymington Coast for approximately 11 kilometres past True Blu Blueberry Farm to park at Kays Beach on the Huon River edge. Note: Where the road surface becomes gravel the name changes to Cygnet Coast Road.

S43° 12' 818" E147° 02' 867"

Walk along the beach southwards and pick up the track at the end of the sand/shingle before the mudstone shelf.

The track follows the river's edge downstream in a South Easterly direction. The track splits as you begin to cross over where the remains of an old gravel quarry are evident: the main track goes on to Gourlays Bay, while the right-hand side track leads to a small unnamed beach at Poverty Point with extensive views up and down the river.

NB. Sections can be muddy in winter or after rain. Be aware of cliffs near the edge of the track!

Return by same path.





# Kings Hill Road Loop

**Walk Grade:** Moderate (Jetty Road Hill)

**Walk Time:** 2 hours

**Walk Distance:** 6.7km (Mary St car park start and finish)

**Walk Features:** A loop walk that provides great views of Port Cygnet, and extensive elevated views to the west and north of Cygnet. Most of the walk is along quiet rural roads, a portion of which is unsealed.

**Directions:** Commence from Mary Street carpark in Cygnet and walk east to the roundabout. Continue straight on Lymington Road, on a dedicated walking path running on the edge of Port Cygnet with gorgeous views across the water.

Turn up Jetty Road (steep).

S43° 10' 372" E147° 04' 948"

Turn right onto Kings Hill Road, walk all the way down to where there is a 90° sharp turn left onto Church Street (not sign posted). Here there are two options:

- 1.** Down Church Street which then becomes Christina Street. At the intersection of Golden Valley Road turn right down to Mary Street, then right along to the Mary Street carpark.
- 2.** At the 90 ° sharp turn, you can turn right and take a path beside a driveway. This leads down a very steep descent (right of way) track through gorse and shrub (slippery when wet) to exit onto George Street then turning left and crossing Longana Park back to Mary Street.







## Lymington Road Coast Walk (from Burtons Reserve Bridge)

**Walk Grade:** Easy – flat. Good for people with low mobility, using a wheelchair or using a stroller.

**Walk Time:** 45 minutes return

**Walk Distance:** 2.8km return

**Walk Features:** A flat gravel and timber walkway along the edge of the Port Cygnet Marine Conservation Area. Local Landcare Volunteers have been removing weeds and planting out endemic shrubs and trees.

Beautiful views across the mudflats at low tide often with wading birds feeding. As the walk heads further south, the yachts moored outside the Port Cygnet Sailing Club come into view.

This walk is extremely popular with locals keeping fit and walking their dogs.

**Directions:** Park car on gravel shoulder of the Coast Road close to footbridge over creek to Burtons Reserve.

S43° 09' 865" E147° 04' 882"

Finish walk at Port Cygnet Sailing Club foreshore where there are Council maintained picnic facilities.

S43° 10' 519" E147° 05' 002"

Return to your car the same way.







## Machins Link

**Walk Grade:** Hard (first half uphill)

**Walk Time:** 1.5 hours

**Walk Distance:** 6.2km

**Walk Features:** Loop walk, spectacular hill views back over the Port and Cygnet. Rural farmland, dry forest of Stringybark trees, peaceful. A more pleasant experience with less traffic on days when the Waste Transfer Station is not open. (see Huon Valley Council Website)

**Directions:** Commence from Mary Street carpark in Cygnet and walk east along pavement to roundabout. Turn left along Channel Highway for 100m and turn left into Thorp Street.

S43° 09' 758" E147° 05' 060"

Continue up past the houses steeply uphill, turn right into Tobys Hill Road.

S43° 09' 483" E147° 05' 199"

Continue past the Cygnet Waste Transfer Station where road becomes gravel and climbs all the way to the intersection of Machins Link on your left.

S43° 09' 193" E 47° 06' 209"

The walk is steeply downhill from here.

Go sharp left down Machins Link gravel road (steeply downhill for 200m) until the intersection of Guys Road.

S43° 09' 079" E147° 06' 059"

Turn left and walk back to Cygnet along Guys Road, then left on Mary Street.





# Missing Link Road

**Walk Grade:** Medium

**Walk Time:** 1 hour 15 minutes return

**Walk Distance:** 5.4km return

**Walk Features:** The gravel road follows the undulating (66m climb and descend) ridgeline giving outstanding views East and West. Views westerly over the Huon River, towards Port Huon and Hartz Mountain. Views to the North are of Snug Tiers and to the east towards Cygnet. You can even see Mt. Wellington. Best walked in fine weather for the view and to avoid wind.

Look out for the beautiful free-stone wall and the garden with the pink flamingos!

**Directions:** By car drive out of Cygnet as if driving towards Huonville. Turn left into Silver Hill Road, follow along for 3.8km until you see Missing Link Road. Park off to side at the commencement of Missing Link Road.

Start S43° 08' 928" E147° 02' 049"

Walk south along the dirt road as far as you like and return the same way.

Finish S43° 10' 117" E147° 02' 221"







## Quiet Urban Walk

**Walk Grade:** Medium (steep unmade section of approx 90m)

**Walk Time:** 1 hour

**Walk Distance:** 2.5kms

**Walk Features:** pleasant urban environment with trees and gardens. Pretty, elevated valley views. A chance to see pademelons, especially in the evening.

**Directions:** Park at Mary Street carpark. Walk through Longana Park, turn left on George Street.

At the turning circle turn right up the steep unmade track

S43° 09' 179" E147° 04' 593"

through bush and pademelons (slippery in wet weather) to the top of the rise (Church Street).

Continue straight on, along Church Street, which then becomes Christina Street.

At the intersection of Golden Valley Road, cross and continue on Christina Street, which curves right onto Frederick Street.

Turn left on Louisa St, passing in front of the Cygnet Primary School. Then turn left on Fitzpatrick Street, which becomes Charles St. Follow Charles Street to Mary Street.

(For a longer walk, Dances Road Circuit could be added starting at

S43° 09' 296" E147° 04' 419")

Cross Mary Street carefully and continue on Slab Road, crossing the bridge before turning right into the Cygnet Sports Grounds.

S43° 09' 20" E147° 04' 30"

Continue around the sports grounds, keeping the oval to your right, till you reach the pony club grounds. Continue to the left to a small unmade road leading to Garthfield Ave

S43° 09' 22" E147° 04' 39".

Turn right on Garthfield back to Mary Street.

Turn left and walk back along Mary Street to the carpark.

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## Two Churches Circuit

**Walk Grade:** Medium (steep unmade section of approx 90m)

**Walk Time:** 30 minutes

**Walk Distance:** 1 km

**Walk Features:** an urban walk taking in quiet back streets. Pretty, elevated valley views. In the evening you will see pademelons and maybe an echidna or two.

**Directions:** Park in Mary Street, Cygnet, walk to the roundabout and then turn right up Lourdes Rise. Take the path uphill, to George Street, turn right for 100m, then turn left just past St James Catholic College Workshop.

S43° 09' 179" E147° 04' 593"

Continue up the steep unmade track through bush (slippery in wet weather) to the top of the rise (Church Street). Then turn right on the unformed reserved road that follows the fence line downhill towards Golden Valley Road.

S43° 09' 818" E147° 04' 474"

The brush cut path is a metre wide. Turn right just before Golden Valley Road, and head across the paddock to St Marks Anglican Church, cross George Street and walk down the formed path through Loongana Park to your car.







# Woodcock Road

**Walk Grade:** Easy

**Walk Time:** 40 minutes return

**Walk Distance:** 3.4km return

**Walk Features:** A beautiful undulating farm road with lovely views of Grey Mountain. In this quiet valley you have the feeling that you are miles from a town. There is a gentle climb of 56m from the start point.

There are traditional timber buildings and attractive apple sheds along the way.

**Directions:** By car turn of Mary Street into Slab Road, continue for 2km to Woodcock Road junction on the left-hand side. Park on the verge before the bridge that crosses Agnes Rivulet.

S43°08' 340" E147°04' 923"

The road is sealed for the first  $\frac{3}{4}$  then graveled.

The road is a cul de sac, so return by the same route. Turnaround Point

S43° 07' 571" E147° 04' 454"

